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SRI Y. MANJAYA SHETTY :—" Will the Government consider the desirability of fixing the ceiling price of paddy and rice throughout the State as an effective step to check and prevent the soaring up of prices? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am afraid it does not arise out of this question."

Reorganization of District Boards.

* 95 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether the Government have taken any and what decision on the recommendations of the Committee appointed to report on the reorganization of District Boards?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" The Advisory Committee for Reorganization of district boards submitted its report to Government on the 31st January 1953. The Government are considering the Report."

SRI P. B. K. RAJACHIDAMBARAM :—" Will the Government consider the advisability of placing a copy of the report on the table of this House? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" After the Cabinet takes a decision, and if it is permitted, it will be done."

SRI M. HANUMANTHA RAO :—" ఆ కమిటీవారు చేసిన సిఫార్సులు ఏమిటో gist (జిస్టు) అయినా చెబుతారా? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" They cannot be revealed now." " ప్రజల అభిప్రాయం తీసుకునే ఆ కమిటీ రికమండేషన్లు చేసినది. వాటిని కాబినెట్టు ఆలోచించిన తరువాత మేము ఆ రిపోర్టు మీముందు పెడతాము."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" May we know at least some of the salient features of the recommendations of this Reorganization Committee? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" The report will be placed on the table of the House some time later; it is considered to be secret now, and the recommendations cannot be given in answer to a question here."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" రిపోర్టు కాబినెటు పరిశీలిస్తూ ఉండగానే మేము కూడా పరిశీలిస్తే ఆలస్యము కాకుండా ఆ సిఫార్సులను ఆచరణలో పెట్టడానికి వీలు అగుతుంది కదా? లేనంతట కాబినెట్టు కొన్ని నెలలు, ఆ తరువాత అసెంబ్లీ సభ్యులు, ఆటు తరువాత ప్రజలు ఈ విధంగా జరిగితే చాలా ఆలశ్యానికి కారణం కాదా? "

SRI E. L. RAGHAVA MUDALIYAR :—" Will the Government consider the report and come to a conclusion before the next elections to the district boards? "

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THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" The Government are just at present busy with this Budget Session and also with questions pertaining to the division of the State. They will come to a conclusion as early as possible."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Does the reorganization of the district boards include the revival of taluk boards? " (Laughter.)

MR. SPEAKER :—" It is the same thing as asking for the recommendations."

Petrol purchased for Government Transport buses.

* 96 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of gallons of petrol consumed by the Government Transport buses per day;

(*b*) whether petrol is purchased directly or locally;

(*c*) the percentage of direct purchase and local purchase; and

(*d*) the price of petrol per gallon directly purchased and locally purchased?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) The average number of gallons of petrol consumed by the Government Transport vehicles per day is 4,388 gallons.

" (*b*) Petrol is purchased in bulk direct from the Oil Companies. Retail purchases are also made at Parry's and Mylapore for midday fuelling of buses in Madras City, and also at Tirupati, Nellore and Naidupet for State buses plying to these places.

" (*c*) Direct purchase 77·6 per cent.

Local purchase 22·4 per cent.

" (*d*) Petrol directly purchased from the distributing companies is paid for at their authorized selling prices while that purchased from retailers is paid for at prices not exceeding the authorized retail prices which vary from time to time."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :— " Sir, நேரடியாக வாங்கும் பெட்ரோல் 77·6 சத விகிதமும், பாரிஸ் கார்னரில் இம்மாதிரி வாங்குவது 22·4 சத விகிதமாக இருப்பதால் இம்மாதிரி பெட்ரோல் வாங்குவதனால் பொதுமக்களுடைய பணம் நஷடமாவதால் இந்த வழக்கத்தை நிறுத்திவிட்டு பஸ்களுக்கு வேண்டிய பெட்ரோலை நேரடியாக வாங்குவதற்கு ஏற்பாடு செய்வதில் சர்க்கார் கவனம் செலுத்துமா என்று கேட்கிறேன்."

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, the price of petrol as taken from the installation is Rs. 2-9-6. The price of petrol at Parry's Corner and Mylapore is Rs. 2-9-9, i.e., quarter-anna above the price of the company. We have worked out and found that this quarter-anna will be much less than the amount of petrol the bus will consume to go every afternoon to the Bodyguard Lines to collect petrol from the main installation."